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DE BEUS (DUTCH)

SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC)

REF: USUN 2684, USUN 2503

1. DEPARTMENT HAS IN PAST URGED UNFDAC TO STRENGTHEN ITS STAFFING, PROGRAMS, PROGRAM EVALUATIONS AND FUND SOLICITATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE ITSELF MORE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS TAKEN AND BEING TAKEN BY UNFDAC WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS. WE THEREFORE HAVE SOME UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF CHANGING FUND LEADERSHIP AT THIS TIME.

2. IF, HOWEVER, SYG DETERMINES THAT APPOINTMENT OF DE BEUS WOULD BENEFIT UNFDAC, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HIS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT TWO MATTERS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN:

FIRST, WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DE BEUS APPOINTMENT WILL NOT AFFECT DELETERIOUSLY THE EXPEDITIOUS
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APPOINTMENT OF HARVEY WELLMAN TO BE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC.

SECOND, WE HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT TIMING OF DE BEUS' APPOINTMENT. IN AFTERMATH OF TURKEY'S RESCISSION OF ITS OPIUM BAN, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING UNFDAC,

ARE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT TURKEY ESTABLISHES AN EFFECTIVE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR ITS RESUMED OPIUM PRODUCTION. WE UNDERSTAND UNFDAC IS SENDING MISSION TO TURKEY TO ASSIST ON CONTROL PROBLEMS. WE REGARD THIS EFFORT AS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND WOULD HOPE THAT DISCLOSURE OF APPOINTMENT, IF MADE, COULD BE TIMED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS MISSION. KISSINGER

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